

## Lies, damned lies and EU trade investigations

*The assumptions on which EU anti-dumping investigations are based are dubious and the report on its latest inquiry is vague and unconvincing*

Those who have followed the progress of the 'shoe-wars' may have been puzzled to learn from the *Today* programme (27th February) that EU officials found it necessary to fly to Brazil in order to discover whether Chinese and Vietnamese shoe producers have been 'dumping' their goods on European markets. This might sound like travelling to Birmingham by way of Beachy Head, but there is a kind of logic to the process.

Under the rules an investigation that is not able to gather credible data from a non-market economy is required to use a country in which the general capacity and type of production closely approximates that of the country under investigation. The aim is to allow investigators to model the costs of production in the investigated country as if that country operated on market economy conditions.

### 'Compelling Evidence'

Accordingly, the EU officials set off for Rio where they found that the cost price of shoes in Brazil was higher than the retail price of Chinese and Vietnamese shoes in the British high street. Along with "compelling evidence" of government support for Chinese and Vietnamese manufacturers this enabled the EU to slap on duties of 19.4 per cent on leather shoes from China and 16.8 per

cent on those from Vietnam.

But are the economies of China and Vietnam "non-market economies?" Both have vigorous and highly competitive private sectors - at least as free and as competitive, say, as some sectors of the European Union. Why should it be assumed that the man who keeps the books in a shoe factory in Peking does it so less honestly than one in Milan?

Moreover, it is not at all clear that conditions in China and Vietnam approximate to those in Brazil. Wage and some other costs in South America are significantly higher than in the Far East. The EU claims to take account of such differences in their calculations, but the evidence which they have published in support of the EU action makes no reference to these so it is impossible to form a judgement about the matter.

In addition, the evidence of state support for the Chinese and Vietnamese shoemakers so far presented by the EU is vague: the companies which the EU investigators visited are not named and some evidence relates only to a single company. It is not even clear whether the companies referred to are in China or Vietnam.

### EU Protectionism

It is consequently impossible to reach a judgement about whether dumping is

truly happening or whether the imposition of the duty is another example of EU protectionism. But as Evan Davies, the BBC economics correspondent commented on the *Today* programme: "It's amazing that so many foreigners want to sell us their stuff to at a loss".

A leading international trade economist told *eurofacts*: "My inclination in this situation, based on experience, is to assume that the EU is lying. This is not to say that there is no basis for its claims, but that it frequently exaggerates or misrepresents the situation in order to present a highly distorted picture of what is happening".

Claims by the EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson, that the new duty would not put up prices significantly in the shops reinforces the suspicion that on sensitive trade issues, the EU is increasingly careless with the truth - under anti-dumping rules the retail sector is obliged to reflect the cost of duties in sale prices (if it did not there would be little protection for European producers).

### Who Will Gain?

So who will gain from the EU action? A relatively small number of producers, mostly in Italy and Spain.

The list of those who will lose is much longer. This will include 450

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# The longest goodbye in political history?

*The Tory Party has been mistaken in giving the impression of making withdrawal from the EPP conditional upon the creation of a new party grouping*

The fact that no less than eleven EU Prime Ministers tried - apparently unsuccessfully - to dissuade the Tory leader David Cameron from pulling Conservative MEPs out of the European People's Party grouping might be regarded as an example of taking a very big europhile hammer to miss a modest-sized nut.

Given the economic, political and security problems faced by European leaders why should they care if the 26 British Conservative MEPs defect? Their departure would diminish the group's political clout somewhat, and also reduce its income, but the EPP would remain one of the biggest and most influential groupings within the European Parliament. Ordinary voters in Baden Baden or Trieste will not recoil with horror at the shock news of the Tory departure.

The answer to this question surely has much to do with the current fragility of the European political project. The idea that the British Conservative party, the oldest democratic political party in Europe, should decide to leave because it disagrees profoundly with the integrationist zeal of the EPP - and by extension with the direction of

European politics over half a century - is bound to cause extreme nervousness among Europe's political elites at a time when the weaknesses of the European project are increasingly obvious. Where might such a process lead?

Regrettably, the Tories are taking a long time to bid farewell to the EPP - indeed, we seem to be witnessing one of the longest goodbyes in recent political history. The mistake has been to give the impression that the Tory departure was conditional upon the creation of a new grouping with which the Tories might actually have something in common. But if leaving a group with which the party has little or nothing in common is the right and principled thing to do, it is the right thing to do. For as long as Britain is represented in the European Parliament searching for new alliances should be an important but second-order issue.

Of course, it may well be that when it comes to regulatory matters British interests might be damaged from time to time if Tory MEPs cannot influence matters through membership of a robust alliance with other parties.

There is no point in denying this; it is the price we pay for being part of a political project which does not suit the UK and in which our interests are bound to suffer. The minor political embarrassment that Tories may occasionally experience as a result of not being able to amend damaging regulations or directives is the price that the Tories pay for having gone along with integration when other and better alternatives were available - and still are.

If asked how the Tories get round the present difficulties one is therefore tempted to favour the Irishman's reply when asked the way to Leicester Square: "Well, if I were you, I wouldn't start from here". But having finally adopted a course of action based on putting principle before pragmatism Mr Cameron will come unstuck if he appears to put pragmatism before principle. There is nothing in his career to suggest that he feels strongly about the loss of British self-rule, but if he buckles now his credibility will be badly damaged and his growing number of critics within the party - most of whom have stayed their hand up until now - will be emboldened.

## Spoiled for choice?

*"It makes sense for UKIP to try to pick up the disaffected Tory vote, both middle class and working class. There are ever more people out there who do not feel that the party of the Boy-King*

*and his courtiers speaks for them or to them. After all, if one wants a statist, high-spending, over-regulating, Europhile party that pays no attention to foreign policy or defence and thinks*

*Kyoto is the bee's roller skates, well, there are plenty to choose from (three, to be precise)."*

Richard North, EU Referendum Blog.

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million European consumers who will have to pay up to 20 per cent more for their shoes, European companies that outsource production to China or Vietnam, and huge numbers of relatively poor people in China and Vietnam whose primary source of income will be threatened. It also includes leather producers (mostly Italian and Spanish) because Chinese

shoe manufacturers import much of their leather from Europe, and the Italian and Spanish economies which may now be able to stave off competitive pressures that would help to bring about badly-needed structural change.

Equally worrying is the fact that the EU decision, following similar action over textiles, strongly suggests that the

protectionist tide is strengthening. Over the past decade the EU has initiated an anti-dumping action every 12 days. Now that it is clear that the much-heralded eurozone recovery is scarcely happening the prospects are that protectionism will strengthen still further.

# Cresson guilty of favouritism - but receives only the lightest of penalties

*Disgraced former EU Commissioner will still receive a pension of £14,000*

Edith Cresson, the woman whose conduct as an EU Commissioner led to the resignation of the EU Commission *en masse*, has finally met with the full force of the law - European law, that is. Mrs Cresson is to lose half of her pension which means that she will still receive £14,000 a year from the EU.

The punishment was announced by Adire Geelhoed, advocate general of the European Court of Justice who found that Mrs Cresson had been guilty of gross negligence and favouritism during her term in Brussels from 1995 to 1999.

While holding the education and research portfolios Mrs Cresson, a former French Prime Minister and close friend of President Mitterrand appointed her dentist and close friend Rene Berthelot as an adviser on HIV. Berthelot received 150,000 over two years, but it later transpired that he knew almost nothing about the subject and experts described the 24-pages of notes he produced during this period as worthless.

Cresson was also responsible for the Leonardo Da Vinci program for vocational training. Since the Commission didn't have the staff to

administer the program itself, it was bid out to a private company, Agenor. Numerous internal audits raised concerns about Agenor fixing bids for lucrative contracts, paying on the basis of fraudulent invoices and hiring family members at lavish salaries. Cresson failed to inform the Parliament about any of this.

The Cresson case was probably the biggest single factor in the resignation of the Jacques Santer Commission amid rumours of widespread corruption.

The Belgian authorities brought charges of fraud and forgery against Mrs Cresson, but these were dropped.

The advocate general ruling is not binding but the Court upholds the advocate's decisions in most cases.

It seems unlikely that the light sentence recommended by him is intended to take account of any sense of contrition or regret on Mrs Cresson's part. She consistently argued that she had behaved no differently from other commissioners and that the charges against her were politically motivated.

In her defence to the Luxembourg court last November she said that she had been facing "real war machinery"

out of proportion to the misconduct and accused the Commission of being pressurised by "certain MEPs".

She has the unenviable distinction of having the shortest period of office of any French Prime Minister in recent times and of being the most senior EU official to face fraud charges.

The Conservative MEP Christopher Heaton-Harris who has campaigned against corruption and nepotism criticised the punishment as inadequate. He said: "*She thought she could get away with it and assumed she was untouchable. Her arrogance was breathtaking. The Commission was right to take this case to court and it is a sign that we are beginning to see a more robust and committed approach to stamping out fraud.*"

"However, the ECJ has a lamentable record in punishing fraud and backing up those who expose it. This decision should not be a surprise, but it will seriously undermine public confidence in the EU's ability to root out fraud."

"I still don't believe I will ever see a sensible decision by this court in my lifetime. The only people who ever get punished for fraud and maladministration are the whistleblowers who expose it."

## Proof that one size fits nobody

During the period when it seemed that Britain's entry into the eurozone might be imminent europhiles strained every intellectual fibre to demonstrate that convergence between the British and eurozone economies was finally happening - only to be regularly confounded by the release of economic data showing the opposite. Now that eurozone entry is not a political possibility they have largely given up this hopeless exercise but the flow of data from the eurozone remains a source of fascination because it demonstrates quite clearly that convergence is not occurring

between *existing* eurozone members.

For example recent GDP breakdowns for France and Germany reveal a dramatically different picture of household spending in the two countries with private consumption growing by 0.7 per cent in France but falling by almost the same amount in Germany.

Differences in economic performance explain the differences in reaction to the series of small increases in interest rates which are expected from the ECB. There have been cries of anguish from Germany where unemployment remains above 10 per cent, but in Spain, which remains economically

buoyant there are hopes that a rate hike will curb the seemingly endless housing boom that has been fuelled by rates which are negative in real terms and which have put prices beyond first-time buyers.

Charles Dumas of Lombard Street Research commented: "*The ECB can only despair that raising rates to a hardly burdensome 2.5 per cent causes howls of protest from Germany-focused commentators, when major economies like Spain and Italy have not seen such rates - which remain for them below inflation - since the time of Caesar Augustus. The problem is not the ECB but 'one size fits none'.*"

# Well, what *has* the EU ever done for us?

*Pro-EU propaganda doesn't even begin to list the real consequences of British membership of the European Union*

On the website of the almost defunct European Movement is a link to a cartoon based on a sketch in the movie *Life of Brian*. Seated on a sofa a curmudgeonly looking figure demands to know “*What has Europe ever done for us?*” Those sitting around him provide him with a series of answers which are intended to convert him - and no doubt all those who visit the link - to the cause of building a European state. The only problem is some answers to this question (e.g. “cheaper energy”, “peace”, “no more borders”, “a single market”) are simply untrue, while others (e.g. “student exchanges”) are risible. Whereas the original *Life of Brian* sketch was not only funny but concluded with what is in effect an endorsement of what might be called the Roman project (Reg: “*All right, but apart from sanitation, medicine, education, wine, public order,*

*irrigation, roads, the fresh water system and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?*”) A man in the crowd: “*Brought peace?*”)

The European Movement is now broke and has just sacked its permanent staff, so it seems unlikely to produce a second cartoon in order to correct the canards and distortions contained in the first, even if it wished to do so. But just in case there is a rising cartoon-maker among the eurosceptic ranks we are prepared to waive the copyright fees on the following script:

Fred, a typical Brit sitting in a pub: “*Well, what has the EU ever given us?*”

Second Brit: “*A bill for £10.6bn a year.*”

Third Brit: “*Higher food prices- £20 a week for an average family.*”

Other pub customers helpfully list other benefits of EU membership including unique access to a shrinking

market, thousands of unnecessary and economically harmful regulations, rocketing energy prices, the decimation of our fishing industry, higher business taxes, the European Arrest Warrant, an unaccountable executive, and defence arrangements that distance us from our traditional US ally.

Unperturbed, Fred concludes with a final question: “*So apart from a bill for £10.6bn a year, higher food prices, unique access to a shrinking market, thousands of unnecessary and harmful regulations, rocketing energy prices, the decimation of our fishing industry, higher business taxes, the European Arrest Warrant, an unaccountable executive, and defence arrangements which distance us from our US ally, what has the EU given us?*”

Second Brit: “*An end to self-government?*”

The cartoon ends to the strains of Ode to Joy, the European anthem.

## Where have all the plumbers gone?

Finding a plumber may be difficult in the English home counties, but it is far more difficult in Poland because large numbers of plumbers - along with welders, nurses, doctors and engineers - have left en masse for better paid jobs

in England, Ireland, or France since EU enlargement. The resultant skills shortage coexists with an unemployment rate of 18 per cent. “*Plumbers, come home!*” a recent tabloid headline declared. According to

the *Wall Street Journal Europe* on the 21st February the hole in the labour market is leaving a hole in the budget which must be stretched in order to pay benefits due to the hordes of jobless.

## Why the French always get their way

Interesting light is thrown on Germany's reluctance to thwart France politically in Lord Carrington's autobiography, *Reflections on Things Past* (1988):

“*The smaller European nations look upon France with a certain awe which is, in terms of European history, entirely comprehensible. They do not*

*find it natural to take strong positions which may seem to challenge the French - although it is sometimes highly desirable that this should be done. As to the larger nations, I once said to Helmut Schmidt, ‘You Germans are strong, numerous, prosperous! Why don't you take more initiatives in Europe?’*”

*He looked at me very seriously. We happened to be dining with Roy Jenkins, at his home in England.*

*‘Scratch a European and you will find dislike of the Germans.’*

*I demurred, and Schmidt said with some grimness, ‘You were never occupied!’*”

## Rejection of Constitution ‘a mistake’ - Giscard

“*The rejection of the Constitution was a mistake which will have to be corrected.*” He said, “*The Constitution will have to be given its second chance....if the Irish and the Danes can vote yes in the end, so the French can do it too.*”

Giscard d'Estaing, speaking at the London School of Economics on the 28th February 2006.

# Why top-down EU state research institute will not rival MIT

The EU has come up with a new way of boosting its performance in education and research, areas in which it trails miserably behind the US.

Its plan is to create a European Institute of Technology which is intended to bridge the gap between research and entrepreneurship by rivalling top American academic institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

According to the plans, the institute will be made up of a central governing body representing scientists and business leaders and up to ten "knowledge communities". These are supposed to bring together students, teachers and business in the areas of environment, energy and nanotechnology.

## Personal Backing

The scheme, which is said to have the strong personal backing of President Barroso who is believed to have consulted Bill Gates on the subject and to live in hope that regular cheques will soon be in the post from the Microsoft boss:-

*"Our best universities don't work for Europe as a whole, the European perspective is lacking,"* Barroso said when revealing the plans in Brussels on the 22nd February. *"Europe needs flagships: that's why Europe must have a strong Institute of Technology."*

Mr Barroso is, of course, entirely mistaken. 'Europe' does not need a

prestige top-down state-funded institute which is linked to the political gravy train.

As a British academic Steven McGuire of Bath University's School of Management pointed out in a letter to the *Financial Times* on the 23rd February: *"European universities have indeed suffered from their reliance on state funding - so why create yet another institution beholden to political masters."*

If 'Europe' wishes to replicate conditions in the US which claims eight out of the ten top ten universities in the world - Oxford and Cambridge being the only non-American universities in the list - it needs a competitive environment in which good ideas are allowed to defeat bad ones. This requires the withdrawal of the state from education and greater autonomy for educational institutions and teachers, one which is inimical to the ideas that animate the European project.

## Charm Offensive

Moreover, as Mr McGuire pointed out, the idea that EIT will overcome vested interests is nonsense; it will come with its own.

Will President Barroso even succeed in getting the cheques from big business he needs, and if so what will be expected in return? The involvement of Mr Gates is interesting. Microsoft is currently waging a charm

offensive in Brussels in order to effect the outcome of the anti-trust case brought against it by the EU. But there are obviously limits to the kind of help that the company is likely to give in the long term as a letter to the *FT* from the Hong-Kong-based entrepreneur Gerry Ball, the CEO of MYL clearly indicated.

## Lower Costs

*"Microsoft's innovations in the past 20 years have provided Europeans with access to personal computing that simply was not available until their innovation was applied to the commercial marketplace. Now the EU is penalising Microsoft for its innovation and business savvy in cornering the personal software market. Do you think that Microsoft will be expanding its research and development in the EU any time soon? Of course it will not. Like any sensible company, its R&D will be handled in southern India and eastern China where costs are lower and red tape is less."*

More importantly: the idea that the purpose of universities should be "working for Europe" rather than the pursuit of academic excellence for its own sake and that such a task, conscientiously performed, will help build a 'European identity' is a repugnant one: it reflects a corporatist outlook that bodes ill for the economic future of European states.

# Austrian President calls for EU-wide referendum on Constitution

The Austrian President Heinz Fischer has called for the European Union to hold a single Europe-wide referendum on the EU Constitution using a double majority of citizens and member states. In a speech to the European Parliament he argued

that, "An EU of 25 plus cannot work ideally, or perhaps not even satisfactorily, with the structures of the EU of 12. It would be a mistake to lie down meekly and allow the project of a Constitutional treaty to perish, and to more or less escort it to the cemetery."

Fischer said that once the current "period of reflection" is over, work would have to begin on resurrecting the Constitution. He said, *"The Austrian EU presidency is preparing the ground"*.

# LETTERS

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## Endemic Deviousness

Dear Sir,

The attempted air-brushing of the EU Constitution from the British consciousness continues apace. Blair is now distancing himself from what he insinuates to be the inept brainchild of a remote Giscard d'Estaing. However, a few days before his speech of the 3rd February the public had been vividly reminded of the truth. The marble plaque commemorating the signing, 28th September 2004, of the Constitution had appeared on their TV screens (*Dream of Rome*, BBC 2, 29th January 2006).

There all the governments signed up to a single Europa, yoking all together into one mind, one will and one government (echoing Napoleon's words, *eurofacts* 27th January).

Indeed, this marmorial slab in itself symbolises the essential nature of the EU. This intended Constitution, like the rest of the *acquis communautaire*, is (here literally) set in stone.

The pseudo religion, which drives the EU, is celebrated in its reference to being positioned 'On this most sacred Capitoline Hill'.

But, most significant of all, this monument blatantly epitomises the

EU's sheer lack of democracy. The EU oligarchy raised it prematurely, so sure the hoi polloi could not but accept their fiat. Obviously, in no way will their inflated *armour-propre* allow the humiliation of such a publicly-recorded policy to be overturned. Hence their automatic recourse to such endemic deviousness as that demonstrated by Blair.

C. FRANCIS WARREN

Lancaster

## Alien Takeover?

Dear Sir,

Taking Bryan Smalley's advice (*eurofacts* 30th December) to read Lindsay Jenkins' redoubtable *Disappearing Britain* gave me my biggest shock for 61 years. Reminding one of those TV dramas in which the Earth is secretly taken over by aliens disguised as humans, she shows how our entire local government system is surreptitiously being replaced piecemeal while our attention is diverted by Blair's surrenders at international level.

Although it was obvious that there was no coincidence between our fire and ambulance services and our police being told to conform to the EU-

defined English regions, I had not realised that these steps were not the first in a process in which our judiciary and criminal justice system are the next under threat. Local planning decisions, for example, must already conform to regional plans, in turn accountable to Brussels: they control our former democracy's very infrastructure right down to house-building and bus timetables.

With the network of Regional Offices and Assemblies, quangos and 'stakeholder' groups identified by Lindsay Jenkins and their government advisers, organisers and coordinators (no wonder there are so many government employees now) our standard EU Regional control system is apparently almost complete. It only awaits the abolition of our Councils - already announced under the fictitious 'More Power to the People' - for our local democracy to be extinct. Civil unrest needs to be stirred up quickly via our local media.

ANTHONY HOYLE

Buckinghamshire

[*Disappearing Britain* by Lindsay Jenkins is available from The June Press price £14.99 plus Postage and Packing, see rear page]

## Europe downgraded as US shifts its focus

As a sign of its changing priorities Washington is to axe 38 diplomatic posts in Europe as Washington shifts its diplomatic focus away from Europe to Asia to reflect an emerging new world order.

According to the *Associated Press*

news agency, the US will cut ten posts in Russia while Germany will lose seven and countries such as Belgium, Poland, Italy and Spain will lose two or three each. Britain will lose one.

By contrast China, India and Latin America are to see more US diplomatic

representation.

Fifteen extra posts are being created for US diplomats in China and 12 in India. The two countries account for well over a third of the estimated 74 new US diplomatic positions being contemplated around the world.

## Thatcher's warning

**T**he Europeans will ultimately fail. But 'ultimately' can be a long time. Meanwhile, they spell trouble.

Margaret Thatcher, *Statecraft. Strategies for a Changing World*, , Harper Collins, 2002

# MEETINGS

**UK Independence Party**  
(South East Cornwall)  
01503 230055

Sunday **12th March 2006**, 2.30 pm

**Graham Booth MEP**

**Mark Wallace**, *Campaign Manager,*  
*The Freedom Association*

PUBLIC MEETING

Long Room, Public Hall, Liskeard,  
Cornwall

**Admission Free**

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**UK Independence Party**  
(South Manchester Branch)  
0161 485 3818

Tuesday **14th March 2006**, 8.00 pm

“The Way Forward”

**Peter Baker**

PUBLIC MEETING

The Parish Rooms, Church Road,  
Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire

**Admission Free**

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**Freedom Association**  
07979 695611

Tuesday **21st March 2006**, 12.30 pm

**Howard Flight**, *former Conservative*  
*MP*

PUBLIC MEETING

The Function Suite of the The Counting  
House Pub, 50 Cornhill, near Bank,  
London EX3V 3PD

**Admission Free**

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**Gresham College**  
020 7831 0575

Tuesday **21st March 2006**, 6.00 pm

“Leadership and change: Prime  
Ministers in the post-war world - Heath”

**Professor John Ramsden**, *Queen*  
*Mary, University of London*

PUBLIC MEETING

Barnard's Inn Hall, Holburn, London

**Admission Free**

**UK Independence Party**  
01782 628740

Thursday **23rd March 2006**, 8.00 pm

**John Whittaker MEP**

PUBLIC MEETING

The Butchers Arms, Church Street,  
Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

**Admission Free by Ticket**

(Telephone for free ticket)

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**UK Independence Party**  
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ALL DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday **25th March 2006**

Commencing 11.00 am

**Sir Richard Body**

**Graham Booth MEP**

**David Campbell-Bannerman**

**Trevor Coleman**

**Nigel Farage MEP**

**Marc Glendening**, *Dem. Movement*

**Lindsay Jenkins**, *Author*

**Mungenova Jolans**, *Czech Republic*

**Roger Knapman MEP**

**Robert McCartney**

ALL DAY CONFERENCE

Great Hall, Exeter University, Devon

**Admission Free**

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**Campaign for an**  
**Independent Britain**  
020 8340 0314

Saturday **29th April 2006**, 2.30 pm

“Better Off Out”

**Roger Helmer MEP**, *Conservative*

**John Midgley**, *Co-founder of the*

*Campaign Against Political Correctness*

**Doug Nicholls**, *Secretary of Trade*

*Unionists Against the European*

*Constitution and General Secretary of*

*Community and Youth Workers Union*

Chairman, **Lord Stoddart of Swindon**

PUBLIC MEETING

Upper Hall, The Emmanuel Centre,  
9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1

**Admission Free**

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## SELECT COMMITTEES

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**House of Lords**  
020 7219 3000

Tuesday **14th March 2006**, 11.15 am  
Evidence will be heard on *Science and*  
*Heritage* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Wednesday **15th March 2006**, 11.00 am  
Evidence will be heard on *The Nuclear*  
*Package* from; Mr Elliot Morley MP,  
Minister of State for the Department for  
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Mr  
Malcolm Wicks MP, Minister of State for  
Energy, Department of Trade and  
Industry; representatives from the Nuclear  
Decommissioning Authority; and the  
Health and Safety Executive.

Thursday **16th March 2006**, 10.00 am  
Evidence will be heard on *EU Proposal on*  
*Consumer Credit Harmonisation* from  
Professor Stephen Weatherill, Jacques  
Delors Professor of European Law,  
Somerville College, Oxford.

Tuesday **21st March 2006**, 11.15 am  
Evidence will be heard on *Science and*  
*Heritage* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Wednesday **22nd March 2006**, 11.00 am  
Evidence will be heard on *The Nuclear*  
*Package* from; Keith Parker, Chief  
Executive, Simon Jones, Communications  
Manager and Miranda Kirschel, Corporate  
Affairs Manager, Nuclear Industry  
Association; and Dr Bertrand Barre,  
Advisor to the Chairperson, AREVA, Past  
President, European Nuclear Society; and  
Vice-Chairman, EUROATOM Scientific  
and Technical Committee.

*Note: Committee Meetings can*  
*change from Public to Private*  
*without warning*

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

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**2006**

Finland takes over **1st July**  
EU presidency

**2007**

Germany takes over **1st January**  
EU presidency

Accession of **1st January**  
Bulgaria and Romania  
to the European Union

Portugal takes over **1st July**  
EU presidency

**A Throne in Brussels**

by *Paul Belien. Hdbk. £25.00*

Historical analysis which warns that the EU is heading the way of Belgium.

**The European Question and the National Interest**

by *Jeremy Black. £16.99*

A leading historian's interpretation of Britain's relations with EU/EC/EEC.

**The Great Deception:**

**Can the European Union survive**

by *Christopher Booker. £9.99*

This is the latest version (November 2005) of this comprehensive history of the European Union.

**Britain and the EU: Time to Move On**

by *Christopher Hoskin. £3.95*

The EU malaise and the cure.

**The Future is a Foreign Country**

by *Matthew Illsley. £10.00*

Full of useful detail and quotes on how and why we got into the EU mess. It leads to the conclusion that withdrawal from the EU is the only way forward.

**Disappearing Britain**

The EU and the death of Local Government

by *Lindsay Jenkins. £14.99*

The detailed Brussels agenda for the break-up of the United Kingdom.

**Resolving the European Crisis**

Perspectives on the future of the European Union

Edited by *Paul Jervis. £9.99*

Authors include; Daniel Hannan MEP, Ruth Lea, Lord Pearson, John Redwood MP and Gisela Stuart MP.

**The Missing Heart of Europe**

Does Britain hold the key to the future of the Continent?

by *Thomas Kremer. £11.99*

Can nation states flourish? A European businessman's view of the impact of divergent national cultures.

**The 2006 Essential Guide to the EU**

by *Ruth Lea. £15.00*

A detailed yet accessible analysis of how the EU works now and in the future.

**Who's Afraid of a**

**European Constitution?**

by *Neil MacCormick. £8.95*

A member of the European Convention on the Future of Europe and former MEP describes its nature and purpose.

**Alarming Drum**

**Britain's European Dilemma**

by *Peter Morgan. Hdbk £19.95*

An analysis of Britain's relationship with the EU, Director-General of the IoD (1989-1994) proposes alternatives to current failing EU.

**The Wrong Side of the Hill**

The Secret Realignment of UK Defence Policy with the EU

by *Richard North. £10.00*

The author argues that Britain has embarked on a course that will divide it from its traditional American ally.

**The Benefits of Tax Competition**

by *Richard Teather £12.50*

Teather argues that EU attempts to harmonise taxes will damage the world economy.

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